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Requirement [REDACTED] Concerning Bloc Chartering  
of Free World Merchant Vessels

REFERENCE: Ch/St/I/RR Memorandum to Ch/LD/CD 15 June 1954

BACKGROUND

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2. The Strategic Trade Branch has a responsibility under the Port Security Program to provide Treasury with intelligence concerning certain Bloc charters.

REQUIREMENT

3. It is requested that [REDACTED] be instructed to provide any 25X1A5a1 available information concerning Free World Merchant vessels operated under Polish charter at any time during the period 1 May through 1 November 1956 including the following, where known:

- a. name of vessel and country of registry
- b. type of charter (whether bareboat, time or voyage)
- c. effective and terminal dates of the charter
- d. ports or areas involved (if known)
- e. Bloc chartering agency and its nationality

4. It is further requested that [REDACTED] provide similar available information on a continuing basis concerning non-Bloc vessels chartered by Sino-Soviet Bloc countries. This information would be

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